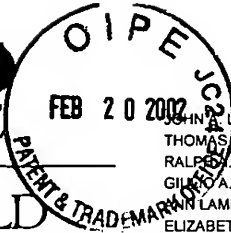


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Dear Sir:

I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to examination of the above-identified application, please amend the application as follows:

In the Specification:

After the title and before the heading "FIELD OF THE INVENTION", please delete the paragraph on page 1, line 6 of the specification, and insert therefor the following new paragraph.

This application claims priority to U.S. Application Serial No. 08/872,216, entitled "Ibuprofen and Narcotic Analgesic Compositions", filed on June 10, 1997, now issued as U.S. Patent 6,348,216, which claims priority to U.S. Provisional Patent Application Serial No. 60/019,687, entitled "Ibuprofen and Narcotic Analgesic Compositions", filed June 10, 1996. The contents of the aforementioned applications are hereby incorporated herein by reference.